(b) whether Government have reviewed the said Policy for over-coming the difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The position was reviewed in the State Health Ministers' Conference held on 25th May, 1987. Realising that the major share of resources for primary health care infrastructure comes from State sector, the Conference recommended to the States and U.Ts:—

(1) to ensure timely achievement of targets in respect of establishment of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres;

(2) to ensure that the essential institutional and residential facilities are provided for the medical and para-medical staff, specially in remote and peripheral areas;

(3) to ensure that the required staff at Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres level is placed in position promptly and is not changed too frequently;

(4) to lay emphasis on the preventive and promotive aspects of primary health care services;

(5) to provide adequate facilities for basic training and continuing education for all personnel;

(6) to closely involve the medical colleges, the training institutions of para-medical workers in the primary health care delivery system;

(7) to maintain adequate supply of equipments and to keep them functional;

(8) to ensure availability of essential drugs in all rural institutions particularly for the weaker sections of the population.

Universal Immunization Scheme

1199. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Universal Immunization Scheme introduced by Government and which is three years to complete the target is suffering due to slow progress; and

(b) whether Government have considered the delay in implementation of the Immunization Scheme and issued directions for taking remedial measures to the State authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Universal Immunization Programme started in 1985, except for immunization against measles, is progressing satisfactorily. Even in respect of immunization against measles, which was introduced for the first time in the country in 1985-86, the achievement has been encouraging in 1986-87. The Programme is being implemented through the staff of the State Governments. The States are being assisted and constantly requested to gear up their machinery to ensure the achievement of the targets under the Programme.

Inadequate casualty wards in the Delhi hospitals

1200. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the casualty ward in various city hospitals in Delhi have not been kept ready to meet the emergency situation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the victims of terrorists' attack who had been brought to Moolchand Khairati Ram Chowdhry Hospital on 13th June, 1987 suffered due to lack of experienced doctors and other facilities; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to keep the casualty ward ready to meet the emergency situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All Government Hospitals of Delhi are fully